A.F.OFL. DENOUNCES **DISTRICT'S ATTITUDE** TOWARD SUFFRAGE

Executive Council, at Opening of Convention, Scores Submission to "Interests."

DEFENSE POLICY INDORSED

Credit for Defeat of Efforts to Embroil U. S. in War Taken for Wage Earners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—In the midst of the Congressional investiga-tion of the fiscal relations between the District of Columbia and the Federal government, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, in a report submitted today to the twentyreport submitted today to the twentyfifth annual convention of the Federation, denounces the residents of the District for their lukewarm attitude toward suffrage and their submission to
the influence of financial and corporate
interests who fear that agitation for the
vote may disturb this fiscal relationship.
Referring to the subject of suffrage in
the District, the report reads: Still Disenfranchised.

"The residents of the District of Co-lumbia are still disfranchised. Some dis-cussion was indulged in during the last Congress among the people of the District and among Congressmen, relative

Congress among the people of the District and among Congressmen, relative to the restoration of full citizenship rights to the residents of the District of Columbia. The financial and corporate interests of the District in combination with their associates in other section of the country are, as a whole, bitterly opposed to granting the franchise or allowing a local form of self-government to be established in the District of Columbia. There is more profit assured to them by letting matters stand as they and unfortunately the people of the District of Columbia, taking them as a whole, are too lukewarm and too indifferent concerning their civic rights to assert themselves as they should. So long as this apathy continues on the part of the masses and diligence is maintained on the part of the few privileged investors, we need not expect Congress to grant the ballot to the disfranchised people of the District of Columbia. What is sworth having is worth struggling for has always been the axiom among trade unionists. The same principle holds good in regard to the rights and privileges of general citizenship.

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"We have encouraged public discus-sion to persuade the people of the Dis-trict of Columbia to assert themselves to secure the voling privilege. We shall continue to do this whenever the oppor-tunity is afferded and hope that ulti-mately our ideal may be achieved."

Preparedness Indorsed.

Indorsement of a policy of prepared-ness is embraced in the report, and, while the union movement recognizes that peace is necessary for develop-ment, and progress, "it refuses to se-

ment, and progress, "It refuses to secure peace at the sacrifice of ideals and standards of justice."

Credit for the defeat of the many efforts to embroil this country in the present international complications is taken for the wage-carners.

The report opposes the proposal for an embargo upon products that might be regarded as munitions or utilized for the furtherance of war.

Among the questions upon which the federation will urge action by the coming Congress are the purchase of Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington, and Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, and a minimum wage for Federal employes, Touching on the question of old-age pensions for Government employes, the report says that disagreements between organizations of Federal employes had done much to delay action on such legislation.

Supplies for Hospitals

supplies and relief contributions have been shipped by the American Red Cross for suffering soldiers and civillans in France and Russia, including in lans in France and Russia, including in the latter country Armenian refugees and German prisoners. The consignment to France consists of 12,130 pounds, valued at 25,000; the Armenian shipment consists of 7,000 pounds, valued at 22,250; the supplies for German prisoners in Russia weigh more than 15,000 pounds, and are valued at 31,300, and a consignment to the Russian Red Cross of 4,875 pounds is valued at \$1,200.

First "Record" Printed By Alumni of Central

The Alumni Record, published by the School, has just issued its first number this year. It is given over largely to records of the doings of alumni of the school, beginning with those of the class of 1832 to the present time. Plans for an illustrated history of the school are described. Harry English, SI, is supervising the collection of material for this history.

THE BEST Photoplay Department in WASHINGTON

Washington Gives an Entire Family of Actors to the Photoplay

Washington has the distinction of being the first city in the United States to contribute one entire family to the acting end of the motion picture industry-so far as existing records show. This family consists of five people, Maurice Stewart, his wife and three children. And the children, all of whom are under seven years old, are being most carefully trained to follow the business of film acting for the remainder of their trained.

mainder of their lives.

Maurice Steinart is a Washingtonian by birth, by education and by inheritance, as he is one of the few Washingtonians whose father was

inheritance, as he is one of the tew Mashingtonians whose father was also born here. He grew up in Washington with the idea of going on the stage and he hadn't finished growing up before he put this idea into execution. He made a success on the stage appearing with some of the best-known stars and after his marriage was a popular vaudeville headliner. Within the past two or three years he has been appearing with Mrs. Sieuart and the children as the Steuart Family, and a year ago entered the motion picture field with his family.

Little Loel Steuart, the second child and oldest girl of the family, appears here this week with Olga Petrova in "My Madonna" at the Garden Theater. Little Loel is but five years old. She has appeared with Ethel Barrymore in "The Nightingale" and with "Rip Van Winkie" for the Biograph company and in a Thanhouser picture.

Mrs. Steuart is devoting much of her time to the training of the children in those things that will be valuable to them in motion picture work. Because of this fact they are much in demand for pictures, as are also their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Steuart have appeared in a number of picture plays with the children and on their own account.

The matter of making picture plays from the romances to be found in the Bible is coming in for serious consideration just now, and it is just possible that some rather important steps will be taken shortly to bring to the attention of the producers the opportunity that is given not only to secure a number of unusual dramatic studies, but to make educational subjects of peculiar value entirely outside the usual features of photoplay entertainment.

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It has been stated in this column several titimes that the Rible offered a tremendous opportunity to the picture producer and scenario writer who desired piots of intense dramatic interest and sreat pictorial value. The Bible contains the serm of the plot of almost every novel or drama that has been written—it is the start of the world's literature. The stories of Joseph, of Esther.

PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLA YERS



MAURICE STEUART.

Washington actor and head of the Steuart Family of five people who have gone from the stage to motion pictures.

Job, of David, of Joshua-all of the Old Testament-give opportunity to the dramatust and the picture director for the production of speciacwill have every feature of the mod-ern drama emphasized in addition to giving opportunity for the teach-ing of the Bible in an entirely new

ing of the Bible in an entirely new way.

This feature of the enterprise should appeal to motion picture manufacturers who are easer to place the benefits and values of motion picture entertainment before that large class of people who have hitherto been prejudiced against it. Pictures are now being introduced in the churches, the Y. M. C. A organizations, the religious societies of all kinds.

With such pictures it should be an easy matter to secure the support of the best element of men and women and to enlist as picture patrons many of those who are now kept away from the theater because of

the character of some of the plays that are produced.

It would seem that an opportunity for big financial return lies in wait for some producer and scenario writer who will take these stories and with carrell attention to historical detail and religious thought, will produce them in picture plays. The opportunity seems too big to be long overlooked.

G. M.

Slides at Panama Will Cost More Than \$1,00,000

Congress will be required in the con ing appropriations to take care of the deficit caused by the losses in canal olls resulting from the slides in Gaillard cut, which have closed the canal, The Government is out of pocket thouands of dollars daily becauses of the losing of navigation.

It is estimated the cost of the re-pairing of the damage done by the slides and the removal of the slides alone will cost a half million dollars, not counting the losses of tolls.

TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK.

Geraldine Farrar in "Carmen," adapted from the story by Prosper Merimes by Cecil and William B. Demille (Lasky), Loew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets.

Robert Mantell and Genevieve
Hamper in "The Blindness of Devotion" (Fox Film Company), Crandall's, Ninth and E streets.

Richard Buhler in "The Rights of
Man," by Louis Reeves Harrison
(Lubin), the Garden, 423 Ninth
street.

"The German Side of the War."
rotion pictures by Edwin F. Weigle,
photographer of the Chicago Tribune, the Casino, F near Seventh
street.

George Probert and Alma Martin in "The Spender," by George Brack-ett Seitz (Pathe), the Olympic, 1431 U street.

Thomas A. Wise in "Blue Grass" (Equitable), the Circle, 2105 Pennsylvania avenue.

Valil Valil in "The High Road"
(Metro Pictures), the Lafayette, E
between Thirteenth and Fourteenth

Marc MacDermott in "Ranson's Felly," adapted from the story by Etchard Harding Davis (Edison), the Georgia, 3422 Georgia avenue. Ethel Grandin in "Willful Peggy, road. Bergia avenue and Park road.

Captain Bonavita in "The White King of the Zaras" (Centaur), the American, First street and Rhode Island avenue.

Adont Foviert in "The Queen of the Band" (Reliance), the Staunton. Sixth street and Massachusetts avenue. William Roselle in "The Card Players" (Rialto), the Empire 915 H atreet northeast.

Joseph Smith and Laura Hamilton in "The Apaches of Paris" the Ma-sonic Auditorium. Thirteenth street and New York avenue. Edgar Selwyn in "The Arab" (Lasky), Crandall's Apollo, 624 H street northeast

Note—These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to The Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company and not personal inspection, except in special cases.

G. M.

Bryan Hears Lecture On Christ in Temple

At the Fourth Presbyterian Church Chirteenth and Fairmont streets north ect, last evening, W. H. H. Smith con dided his illustrated series of lecture on "Closing Scenes in the Life of Chris in the Temple." A larse audience was present, among them being former Sec-retary of State and Mrs. William Jen-nings Bryan.

Two Fires Do Slight Damage to Residences

Fire early today did \$25 damage to the home of Mrs. Laura Dunlap, 601 Third street northeast. The blaze was caused by an overheated furnace.

A blaze did \$35 damage in the home of Mrs. Charles Miller, 1905 Vernon street northwest, late yesterday.

THOUSANDS IN PERIL IN FACTORIES OF N. Y

Members of State Industrial **Board Admit Saturday's Fire** May Be Repeated.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Thousands of girls and men, working in the upper floors of hundreds of ramshackle buildings in New York, hourly face the peril of death, members of the State industrial commission admitted today while investigation continued into the Diamond candy factory fire in Brooklyn.

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It is impossible, they said, to see that each order for the safeguarding of employes' lives is obeyed. They must depend upon the conscience of the employer to prevent a repetition of such-scenes as that of Saturday, when at least twelve girls and men perished, and or the Triangle shirt waist factory fire when the dead numbered 147.

A bolted trap door, it was established today, caused the twelve deaths in Saturday's fire. Samuel Simon, president of the Essex Shirt Company, which occupied the upper stories, and Samuel Barkin, treasurer, are being held by the police as material witnesses.

According to Fire Commissioner Adamson they admitted they bolted the trap door to an emergency stairway from the third floor to guard against burgiars. Had this trap door been open, firemen believe, every person in the building might have been rescued, though the lack of adequate fire-escapes assured a heavy list of injured.

Mrs. Celia Diamond, owner of the building, and her husband, Edward, who are held without bail on charges of criminal negligence, probably will be arraigned when the coroner's investigation is completed.

Frank Waish, who was chairman of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, who visited the fire scene, placed the blame for such tragedies on the greed of employers.

"The American people, with big hearts and quick consciences. I am ontimistic enough to believe, some time will awaken and stop this slaughter." said Walsh.

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Accused Policeman Asks To Have Trial Speeded

Pleading not guilty to the indictment of simple assault in Criminal Court, No. 1, today, Walter C. Allen, a policemen, through his attorneys, Robert I. Miller and A. D. Esher, asked for a speedy trial.

and A. D. Esher, asked for a trial.

The case will be reached this week, Allen was indicted last week on the charge of assaulting William C. Hauptnan July 29, last, on a street car near Ninth and P streets. He has been out of the service since the alleged offense, citing this fact as one of the reasons for a speedy trial.

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Uncle Harry Explains Bulgaria's Part in the War



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Weigh 40,000 Pounds

Forty thousand pounds of hospital pupplies and relief contributions have been about battles in Serbia, and relief contributions have suid Joe.

"Has the war in France and Russia Macedonia Bulgaria wanted most of Macedonia, and Serbia wanted some of tt, and when they attempted to divide it they began quarreling among themselves. This resulted in a war between said Uncle Harry. "But what made you sak that question?"

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"Now then, ever since the European the part Bulgaria is taking in the war," said Joe.
"Bulgaria is one of the warring countries now, isn't she?" said Jimmy.
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